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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NAM SUMMIT: REPORT THAT CASTRO
WILL NOT ATTEND CONFERENCE.

1. AUGUST 15 "CEYLON SUNDAY OBSERVER" CARRIED HAVANA-
DATELINED PTC-REUTER STORY THAT CASTRO WILL NOT ATTEND
NAM SUMMIT. INSTEAD HE WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY DR.
CARLOS RAFEAL RODRIGUEZ. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN
CHARGE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. RODRIGUEZ REPORTEDLY HINTED
THAT CASTRO'S NON-ATTENDANCE WAS CONNECTED WITH CUBA'S
FIRST MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES' ELECTIONS.

2. ACCORDINGSGO SENIOR SRI LANKA OFFICIAL, SRI LANKANS
ARE SPECULATING THAT CASTRO'S ABSENCE IS PART OF SOVIET
EFFORT TO DOWNGRADE IMPORTANCE OF NAM SUMMIT BECAUSE
SOVIET CAUSE IS NOT DOING VERY WELL IN NAM DELIBERATIONS.
THESE OFFICIALS ALSO POINT TO ABSENCE OF IRAQI
PRESIDENT AND NORTH KOREA'S KIM II SUNG IN ADDITION TO
CASTRO AS PART OF SAME SOVIET EFFORT.
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